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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 8, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street. GORDON & GOTCH, 30, Cornhill. GORDON & GOTCH, Ludgate Circus, E. C. BATES, HENRY & Co., 4, Old Jewry, E. C. SAKUEL DRAOON & Co., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street.

PARIS AND EUROPE.—LEON DE ROSNY, 10, Rue Monsieur, Paris.

NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 133, Nassau Street.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTCH, Melbourne and Sydney.

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CHINA.—Macao, Messrs A. A. DE MELLO & Co., Swatow, CAMPBELL & Co., Amoy, WILSON, NICHOLLS & Co., Foochow, HADLEY & Co., Shanghai, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY & WALKER, Yokohama, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

BANKS.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND, \$1,300,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman.—W. H. FORBES, Esq.
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Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.
MANAGER.
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LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.
ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
For Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 " " "
" 12 " 5 " " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.
Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, February 15, 1879.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON FIXED DEPOSITS.
At 3 months' notice 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " " 4 " " "
" 12 " " 5 " " "

On Current Accounts at Rates which can be ascertained at their Office.

D. A. J. CROMBIE, Acting Manager.
Oriental Bank Corporation,
Hongkong, November 23, 1878.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, £800,000.
RESERVE FUND, £150,000.
Bankers.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On Current Accounts, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
On Fixed Deposits.
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 " " "
" 12 " 5 " " "

WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)
WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office.—Price, \$1 each.
CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

RECENTLY ARRIVED, FOR SALE.

RODGERS' CELEBRATED OUT-LET.

WATERLOO'S and DE LA RUE'S STATIONERY.
DESSERT and DINNER SERVICES.
TABLE GLASSWARE.
GENTS' TOOL CHESTS.
CABIN SUSPENSION and BULK-HEAD SWINGING LAMPS for OIL.
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SIGNAL and MASTHEAD LAMPS, (Latest Admiralty Regulation).
TUBE EXPANDERS, Assorted Sizes.
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INDIA RUBBER SHEETS, Assorted Sizes.
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A Large and Choice Assortment of American and English ELECTRO-PLATED WARE.

NEW and POPULAR BOOKS, INSTRUCTIVE and AMUSING.

EDUCATIONAL WORKS.

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PRESENTATION BOOKS.
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by First-class Composers, OPERAS, MUSICAL INSTRUCTION BOOKS, &c.

A Fine Selection of SHERRIES.
Very Fine "O. K."
BOURBON WHISKY.
CHATEAU DE FRANDS.
(A fine full flavoured Breakfast CLARET.)
BRANDIES, GIN, LIQUEURS, &c.

LAMBERT, ATKINSON & CO.

Hongkong, February 21, 1879.

FOR SALE.

EUGENE RIMMEL'S TROPICAL FLOWER WATER.

SUPERIOR TO ALL SIMILAR PREPARATIONS.
VOGEL & Co., Sole Agents for China.
Hongkong, February 19, 1879. m710

FOR SALE.

A 58-inch SINGER & Co.'s "SPECIAL CHALLENGER" BIOCYCLE, quite new. PATENT BEARINGS. PATENT SADDLE. DOUBLE BRAKE, & EXTRAS. Will be sold under Invoice Price; owner leaving Colony.

Apply to SAYLE & Co., Where Machine can be seen.
Hongkong, March 3, 1879.

Intimations.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING Shareholders are requested to send in an ACCOUNT of BUSINESS CONTRIBUTED during the half year ended 31st December 1878, on or before March 31st, on which date the Accounts will be closed.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
D. GILLIES, Secretary.
Hongkong, February 25, 1879. sp1

DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS will visit SHANGHAI during the Summer Months, leaving Hongkong on the 1st of April next.
Hongkong, February 10, 1879.

NOTICE.

FROM the 1st of OCTOBER, DR. EASTLAKE will receive his Patients at his new DENTAL ROOMS, No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the Medical Hall.
Hongkong, September 23, 1878.

NOTICE.

FROM the 1st of OCTOBER, DR. EASTLAKE will receive his Patients at his new DENTAL ROOMS, No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the Medical Hall.
Hongkong, September 23, 1878.

NOTICE.

begs to announce to the Community of Hongkong that he will be able to supply BEEF, MUTTON, &c., from 1st October, and trusts that they may grant him their support.
Shop—WATERLOO STREET, opposite the Cathedral.
Hongkong, September 20, 1878.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

ARE AGENTS FOR

CURCIER and ADETS' CLARETS.
COGNAC'S BRANDY.
CHUBB'S SAFES.
WHITBREAD'S STOUT.
VAN HOBOKEN'S GIN.
FOSTER'S BOTTLED ALE and STOUT.
SILBER LIGHT LAMPS.
FRENCH JAMS, Confitures de St. James.
STARKER'S GOLD LACE and OFFICERS' DECORATIONS.
BAXTER'S CANVAS.
KORNETT'S CHAMPAGNE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Beg to call Special Attention to the following Departments:—

COAST ORDER DEPARTMENT:
ORDERS from the COAST or OUT-PORTS are Promptly and Carefully Executed. Goods not in Stock will be procured, if possible, in the Colony.

SPECIAL ORDER DEPARTMENT:
BOOKS, SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS, ORNAMENTAL HOUSE or GARDEN FITTINGS, FURNITURE, PIANOS, MEDICINES, BILLIARD TABLES, ARMS, &c., &c., ordered from ENGLAND, at a Commission (all trade discounts being allowed) on the laid down cost, of 5 per cent. on amounts over, and 10 per cent. on amounts under \$100.

FORWARDING AGENCY:
PACKAGES OF CURIOS, TEA, PRESERVES, &c., &c., forwarded to any Address in the UNITED KINGDOM, by each P. & O. Mail, Charges in full collected either here or from the Consignees as desired. Particulars required with each Package are, Contents for declaration at Customs and value for insurance.
Hongkong, February 27, 1879.

EIGHT PER CENT. SILVER LOAN OF THE CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT.

Authorized by Imperial Decree dated the 14th Day of the Ninth Moon of the Fourth Year of K'uang-Su (9th October, 1878).

Haikuan Taels 1,750,000=Shanghai Taels 1,349,800 Stock.

In Bonds of Shanghai Taels 500 each, bearing Interest from 11th April, 1879. The First Instalment of Interest being payable on 5th October, 1879, in HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI.

The Bonds are redeemable at PAR WITHIN SIX YEARS (1884) by HALF-YEARLY (ACCORDING TO THE CHINESE CALENDAR) DRAWINGS.

PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYABLE IN HONGKONG.

PRICE OF ISSUE—PAR.

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION hereby invites SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR SHANGHAI TAELS 1,787,000 of 8 PER CENT. Bonds at the Issue PRICE OF PAR, payable as follows:—

SHANGHAI TAELS 10 per cent. on application.
90 " 15 days after allotment.
100 "

The Bonds will bear Interest at the rate of Shanghai Taels eight per cent. per annum, payable half-yearly according to the Chinese Calendar, as per annexed Schedule, at the Offices of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, in Hongkong (at current rate of Exchange for Demand Bills on Shanghai) and Shanghai.

The first payment of Interest on the full amount of each Bond will be payable on 5th October, 1879, at the above-mentioned places.

The Bonds will be redeemed at par within six years (1884) by 11 half-yearly Drawings, commencing 5th October, 1879, of Shanghai Taels 162,500 each, the balance of the Loan, Shanghai Taels 162,000, being paid off on 9th August, 1884.

The Drawings will take place in Hongkong in February and August in each year, and the Bonds so drawn will be paid off at par on the respective dates specified in annexed Schedule at the Offices of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, in Hongkong (at current rate of Exchange for Demand Bills on Shanghai) and Shanghai, after which dates interest on the Bonds so drawn will cease.

The Loan has been authorized by an Imperial Decree, dated 9th of October, 1878.

The Loan, principal and interest, is specially secured by the hypothecation of the Imperial Maritime Customs' Revenue of the ports of Shanghai, Foochow, Canton, Ningpo and Hankow—the five Ports which have the largest Customs' Revenue of the Empire—to the extent necessary for the due payment of interest and repayment of principal of the said Loan.

The special hypothecation of Customs' Revenue to meet the charge of the present Loan is constituted by the deposit with the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation of Customs' Bonds, signed by the Viceroy and Governors of the respective Provinces in which the Ports referred to are situated, which Bonds will be held by the Bank in trust for the holders of this Loan. These Customs' Bonds will be received, in case of need, in payment of Chinese Customs' Duties.

Certified Translations of the Official Documents authorizing the Loan, may be inspected at the Office of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hongkong and Shanghai.

Default in payment of any instalment at the due date will render all previous payments liable to forfeiture.

If no allotment is made, the deposit will be returned in full; and if only a portion of the amount applied for is allotted, the balance of the deposit will be applied towards the payment of the final instalment.

Bonds to Bearer will be issued against Allotment Letters and Bankers' Receipts.

Principal. Interest. Total.
1st Instalment due 5th October, 1879.....162,500.00...69,525.81...232,025.81
2nd " 30th March, 1880.....162,500.00...69,525.81...232,025.81
3rd " 23rd September, 1880.....162,500.00...69,525.81...232,025.81
4th " 19th March, 1881.....162,500.00...69,525.81...232,025.81
5th " 12th September, 1881.....162,500.00...69,525.81...232,025.81
6th " 8th March, 1882.....162,500.00...69,525.81...232,025.81
7th " 1st September, 1882.....162,500.00...69,525.81...232,025.81
8th " 25th February, 1883.....162,500.00...69,525.81...232,025.81
9th " 21st August, 1883.....162,500.00...69,525.81...232,025.81
10th " 14th February, 1884.....162,500.00...69,525.81...232,025.81
11th " 9th August, 1884.....162,500.00...69,525.81...232,025.81
Shanghai Taels.....1,787,000.00 415,897.86 2,202,897.86

Hongkong, 6th March, 1879.

(Signed) T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Intimations.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the Half-year ending 31st December last, at the Rate of One Pound Sterling (£1 Sd.) per Share of \$125, is PAYABLE on and after MONDAY, the 17th Current, at the Office of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.
Hongkong, February 15, 1879.

G. FALCONER & Co.,

WATCH AND CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS,

AND JEWELLERS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS AND BOOKS.

48, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, February 20, 1879. m220

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW.

The Steamship "NAMO," Capt. Westcott, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 7th Instant, at Daylight, instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, March 5, 1879. m27

FOR HOIHOW & HAIPHONG.

The Steamship "ATLANTA," Captain G. PETERSEN, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 7th Instant, at 7 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to MEYER & Co.
Hongkong, March 4, 1879. m27

FOR SINGAPORE AND PENANG.

The British Steamer "ATHOLL," Captain THOMSON, will load here for the above Ports, and will leave this on FRIDAY, the 7th Instant, at 2.30 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to HOP KEE.
Hongkong, March 1, 1879. m27

FOR HOIHOW AND HAIPHONG.

The Steamship "CONQUEST," Captain SCOTT, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY AFTERNOON, the 7th Instant, at 5 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to E-SHUN HONG, Agent.
No. 42, Bonham Street, Hongkong, March 3, 1879. m27

AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

Taking Cargo and Passengers for all Australasian and New Zealand Ports, TASMANIA, NEW CALEDONIA & FIJI.

The Departure of the Company's Steamship "OCEAN," EDMUNDSON, Commander, is POSTPONED until SATURDAY, the 8th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.
Hongkong, March 3, 1879. m28

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANÇAIS.

The Company's Steamship "TANAN," Commandant DE LA MARELLE, will be despatched for YOKO, HAMA shortly after the arrival of the next French Mail.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.
Hongkong, February 28, 1879.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANÇAIS.

The Company's Steamship "AMAZONE," Commandant BAUNER, will be despatched for SHANGHAI shortly after her arrival from Europe.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.
Hongkong, February 28, 1879.

Shipping.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR MANILA.

The Spanish Barque "VIOLETA," TREMOYA, Master, will be despatched for the above Port on SATURDAY, the 8th Instant.

For Freight, apply to REMEDIOS & Co.
Hongkong, March 5, 1879. m28

FOR PORTLAND (OREGON).

The American Barque "ALDEN BESSE," Captain NOYES, will load here for the above Port, and will leave this on MONDAY, the 10th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to HOP KEE.
Hongkong, March 1, 1879. m210

FOR VICTORIA (VANCOUVER ISLAND).

The A 1 American Bark "HELENE," Captain SNOW, will load here for the above Port, and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, February 13, 1879. m210

FOR PORTLAND (OREGON).

The A 1 American Bark "COLOMA," Captain HALL, will load here for the above Port, and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, February 13, 1879. m213

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The A 1 American Ship "MATHIAS," Captain DAWES, will load here for the above Port, and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, February 13, 1879. m213

FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 American Ship "GOLDEN RULE," LEWIS, Master.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co.
Hongkong, February 26, 1879.

FOR PORTLAND.

The A 1 American Bark "STILLMAN B. ALLEN," TAYLOR, Master.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co.
Hongkong, February 26, 1879.

FOR LONDON.

The A 1 British Bark "STRACATHRO," MILLAR, Master.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co.
Hongkong, February 13, 1879.

FOR HAMBURG.

The 3/3 L. 11 German Schooner "HOLSTEIN," KULPER, Master.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co.
Hongkong, February 5, 1879.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The A 1 American Ship "BLACK HAWK," HOWLAND, Master.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co.
Hongkong, January 30, 1879.

FOR LONDON.

The 3/3 L. 11 Norwegian Ship "SUMARIDE," THOMSEN, Master.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co.
Hongkong, January 30, 1879.

FOR HONOLULU.

The A 1 American Barkentine "MIGNON," SEVINS, Master.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co.
Hongkong, January 30, 1879.

FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 British Bark "HAZZELHURST," GOWDER, Master.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co.
Hongkong, January 30, 1879.

Intimations.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 24th March, 1879, at 3 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1878.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 10th March to the 24th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
J. BRADLEE SMITH,
General Agent.

Hongkong, February 19, 1879. ma24

THE CHINESE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given, that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above-named Company, will be held at the Company's Office, No. 39, Queen's Road, in the city of Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 10th day of March next, at 3 p.m., for the purpose of passing certain Special Resolutions providing for the following alterations in the Constitution and Articles of Association of the Company; viz:—

- 1.—That the Business of the Company be in future managed by a Board of Directors and a Secretary instead of the former and General Agents as heretofore.
- 2.—That in the opinion of the Directors the Business of the Company in any year be such as not to warrant the Payment of Interest at 5½ per cent. per annum on the Paid-up Capital, they may during such year reduce such Rate to such lower amount as they may consider desirable for the interests of the Company.
- 3.—To enable the Directors if a necessity shall arise to pay such Interest or any part thereof out of the Reserve Fund.
- 4.—To provide that when there shall be profits applicable for dividend the same shall be divisible as the Shareholders in Meeting shall determine.
- 5.—That Fourteen Days instead of Thirty Days notice may be given of all Meetings of the Company.
- 6.—That Clause 147 of the Articles of the Company be expunged, leaving future changes in the Regulations of the Company to be made as provided for by Ordinance No. 1 of 1865.

NOTICE is hereby also given, that a Second EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company, will be held at the same Hour and Place on MONDAY, the 24th day of March next, for the purpose of confirming such Special Resolutions as may be passed at the First mentioned Meeting.

Dated this Third day of February, 1879.

By Order,
J. BRADLEE SMITH,
General Agent.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 98.

CHINA SEA.

SHANGHAI DISTRICT.—WOOSUNG RIV. R.

WOOSUNG INNER BAR SIGNALS.

NOTICE is hereby given that on and after the 31st March, 1879, Geometrical Signals will be substituted for the flags now in use at the Woosung Inner Bar Station, showing the depth of water on the Bar during the day.

An explanatory diagram, showing the signals which indicate the depth of water from 10 feet to 24½ feet and which will show the same in approaching the signal station both from Shanghai and from seaward, is added herewith.

To indicate a rising tide a ball will be hoisted at the mast head.

In case of there being greater or less depths of water than here given, the number of feet will be signalled by the "Universal Code of Signals" at the mast-head, and the half feet by a red and white flag at the yard-arm.

By order of the Inspector-General of Customs,

GERALD E. WELLESLEY,
Acting Engineer-in-Chief.

Imperial Maritime Customs,
Engineer's Office,
Shanghai, 31st Jan., 1879.

Depth of water in feet on Bar.	North	South	Depth of water in feet on Bar.	North	South
10	▲	●	17½	▲	●
10½	▲	●	18	▲	●
11	▲	●	18½	▲	●
11½	▲	●	19	▲	●
12	▲	●	19½	▲	●
12½	▲	●	20	▲	●
13	▲	●	20½	▲	●
13½	▲	●	21	▲	●
14	▲	●	21½	▲	●
14½	▲	●	22	▲	●
15	▲	●	22½	▲	●
15½	▲	●	23	▲	●
16	▲	●	23½	▲	●
16½	▲	●	24	▲	●
17	▲	●	24½	▲	●

SAILOR'S HOME.

ANY Canton Clothing, Books, or Papers will be thankfully received at the Sailor's Home, West Point, Hongkong, July 24, 1878.

Intimations.

HONGKONG WHARF & GODOWNS STORAGE.

GOODS RECEIVED ON STORAGE at Moderate Rates, in FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS, under European supervision; and VESSELS Discharged alongside the Wharves, on favorable Terms, with quick despatch.

MEYER & Co.,
Proprietors.
Hongkong, November 29, 1878. my29

MOORE & Co.,
"VARIETY STORE"
NEWS AGENTS AND TOBACCONISTS.
No. 42, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, September 10, 1878.

GEORGE PHILIP DARR (DECEASED.)

CLAIMS against the above Estate should be sent in to the Undersigned before the 15th of March.

H. F. HANCE,
Acting Consul.
Canton, Feb. 25, 1879.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from H. M. Naval Storekeeper, to sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY,

the 11th of March, 1879, at 11 o'clock a.m., at H. M. NAVAL YARD, Sundry condemned NAVAL and VICTUALLING STORES, comprising:—Old Wrought and Cast Iron, Iron Tanks, Leather Hoses, Canvas, Lamps, Lanterns, Glass, Clocks, Boats, etc., etc. Sundry Provisions, Clothing, etc. 4 Tins each 4 gal. Ether.

And,
2817 lbs. Tobacco.
1000 Blankets.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Government Auctioneer.
Hongkong, Feb. 21, 1879. ml1

PUBLIC AUCTION.

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION, shortly, on a day to be hereafter named, unless previously disposed of by private contract.

THE HONGKONG DISTILLERY,
Situate at East Point, Hongkong, now in Complete Working Order, and Capable of Distilling upwards of 2,000 Gallons daily. The Property is of a most valuable nature, comprising THREE

PIECES OF GROUND close to the water, viz:—Inland Lots Nos. 749, 751 and 752, with the Substantially Built DWELLING HOUSE and BUSINESS PREMISES, erected specially for the purpose only a few years since, together with the MACHINERY, ENGINES, STILL, VATS, STOCK, and TRADE FURNITURE and FITTINGS.

For further Particulars, apply to Messrs SHARP, TOLLER, and JOHNSON,
Solicitors, Supreme Court House, Hongkong.

Hongkong, March 5, 1879.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM KOBE, NAGASAKI & AMOY.

THE S.S. Glenorchy having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 10th instant will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
Hongkong, March 3, 1879. ma10

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for counter-signature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE GRAMPEAUX,
Agent.

H. J. A. H. (in cross) No. 107, Aldridge
Salmon & Co., 1 case Roslery, from London.

Hongkong, February 16, 1879.

NOW READY.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT. Parts I. and II. A to M, with Introduction. Royal 8vo., pp. 404.—By ERNEST JOHN EYRE, Ph.D. Tubingen.

Price: Five Dollars, or Two Dollars AND A HALF per Part.

To be had from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs KELLY & WATSON, Shanghai.

Hongkong, March 1, 1879.

To-day's Advertisements.

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

EXCURSION TO MACAO.

THE "POWAN" will leave for MACAO at 6.30 p.m. on SATURDAY Next, the 8th instant, and return on SUNDAY, the 9th, leaving at 9 p.m.

First Class Fare to Macao and Back, \$1.50
Second Class, \$1.00
No Meals will be provided on Board.

By Order, P. A. DA COSTA,
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 6, 1879. ma8

FOR MANILA (DIRECT.)

The Steamship "OLYMPIA,"
NAGEL, Master, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 10th instant, at 2 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
REMEDIOS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, March 6, 1879. ma10

FOR SALE.

COKE, \$7.50 per Ton.
TAR, 7 Cts. per Gallon.
Apply to
GAS WORKS,
West Point.
Hongkong, March 6, 1879. ma18

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

BETHOVEN, German barque, Capt. E. Haje.—Melchers & Co.
WANDERING MINSTER, British barque, Capt. Stevwright.—Captain.

LARGES, British barque, Capt. T. Brown.—Edward Schellhass & Co.
NEMEMAN GIBSON, American barque, Capt. D. Bradford.—Meyer & Co.

CRATOIR LEE, British barque, Capt. A. L. Winther.—Butterfield & Swire.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

March 6, Hwai Yuen, Chinese steamer, from Canton.

March 6, Paul Marie, French barque, from Whampoa.

March 6, Chun Tung, Chinese R. C., from Canton.

March 6, Alice N. Franklin, American barque, 460, Howes, Newcastle (N.S.W.) Dec. 27, Coal.—O. & S. S. Co.

March 6, Thingwall, Danish steamer, 1577, Molsen, Saigon March 2, Rice.—Mayer & Co.

DEPARTURES.

Mar. 5, China, for Canton.
6, Argyl, for Saigon.
6, Hanea, for Hamburg.
6, Alfredo, for Manila.
6, Pacific Slope, for Takao.
6, Echo, for Chefoo.
6, Irena, for Tournon.

CLEARED.

Silver Eagle, for Saigon.
Nanosa, for Coast Ports.
Dioned, for Shanghai.
Atalanta, for Hoihow.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.
Per Thingwall, from Shanghai, Mr. Laracoff, and 25 Chinese.

DEPARTED.
Per Argyl, for Straits, 228 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The Danish steamer Thingwall reports: Strong monsoon for the last 3 days.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—
For AMOY AND SHANGHAI.—
Per Diomed, at 11.30 a.m. To-morrow, the 7th inst.

For SHANGHAI.—
Per Hwai Yuen, at 11.30 a.m. To-morrow, the 7th inst.

For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—
Per Athol, at 2 p.m., on Friday, the 7th inst.

For PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, &c.—
Per Ocean, at 1.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 8th inst., instead of as previously notified.

For MANILA.—
Per barque Vicenta, at 3 p.m., on Saturday, the 8th inst.

Per Olympia, at 8.30 p.m., on Monday, the 10th inst.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKER.—
The French Contract Packet Aya will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 8th March, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe via Naples; to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Ceylon, Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Suez, and Alexandria.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKER.—
The British Contract Packet Galatia, will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 10th inst., with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe via Brindisi or Southampton; to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Suez, and Gibraltar.

N.B.—This Packet carries no mails for the Australian Colonies, S. or S. Africa, nor for Mauritius.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKER.

The United States Mail Packet Belgic, will be despatched on MONDAY, the 17th March, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, and the United States, which will be closed as follows:—

2.15 P.M. Registry of Letters closes.
2.30 P.M. Post-Office closes, but Letters (except for Non-Union Countries) may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 18 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.

Correspondence for Non-Union West Indies (except the Bahamas and Hayti), Monte Video, Paraguay, and Uruguay can no longer be sent by this route.

Hongkong, February 26, 1879. ml17

HOURS OF CLOSING

THE CONTRACT MAILS.
The following hours are observed in closing Mails, &c., by both the British and French Contract Packets:—

Day before departure, 5 P.M.—Money Order Office closes; Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Day of departure, 7 A.M.—Post Office opens.
10 A.M.—Registry of Letters closes. Posting of all printed matter and patterns ceases.

11 A.M.—Mails closed, except for Late Letters.
11.10 A.M.—Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 18 cents until:—

11.30 A.M.—when the Post Office Closes entirely.
11.40 A.M.—Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with Late Fee of 18 cents until time of departure.

Quotations.

HONGKONG, March 6, 1879.

OPUM.—New Patna, cash, \$595 credit, —
" Old Patna, cash, — credit, —
" New Benares, cash, 580 credit, —
" Old Benares, cash, — credit, —
" New Malwa, cash, 800 credit, —
" Allowance Tails, — credit, —
" Old Malwa, cash, — credit, 800
" Allowance Tails, — credit, —

Exchange.

Bank, Wire, ... 3/5 a
" 30 days' sight, ... 3/6 a
" 6 months' sight, ... 3/7 a
Credits, ... 3/7 a
Documentary, 6 months' sight, 3/7 a
India, Wire, ... 218
" demand, ... 220
Shanghai, demand, ... 72
" 80 days' sight, ... 75
Bar Silver, 17 dwts. B., ... 109
Sycee, ... 109
Mexicans, ... 2 o
Gold Leaf, 99½ touch ... 25.50
Sovereigns, ... 5.57

Shares.

Hongkong Bank, 43½ prem.
Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$1,450
North China Ins. Co., Tls. 1.30
China Traders' Ins. Co., \$1,400
Yangtze Ins. Assoc., Tls. 715
Chinese Insurance Co., \$300
H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$760 ex div.
China Fire Ins. Co., \$170 ex div.
H.K. & W. Dock Co., pat.
H.K. C. & M. S. Boat Co., \$7 dis.
Shanghai Steam Navigation, Tls. 16
China Cons. Gas Co., \$30
Hongkong Hotel Co., \$65
China Sugar Refining Co., \$127, ex div.
Chinese Imperial Loan, \$113
Do, of 1877, \$113

Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs Falconer & Co.'s Premises, Queen's Road.)

HONGKONG, March 6, 1879.
BAROMETER—9 A.M. ... 30.356
Do. 1 P.M. ... 30.292
Do. 4 P.M. ... 30.250
THERMOMETER—9 A.M. ... 50
Do. 1 P.M. ... 55
Do. 4 P.M. ... 58
Do. (Wet bulb) 9 A.M. ... 45
Do. Do. 1 P.M. ... 49
Do. Do. 4 P.M. ... 49
Do. Maximum ... 57
Do. Minimum over night ... 48

MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Daylight.—Nanosa leaves for Coast Ports.
7 a.m.—Atalanta leaves for Hoihow, &c.
2.30 p.m.—Athol leaves for Singapore, &c.

5 p.m.—Conquest leaves for Hoihow, &c.

General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, March 8:—
Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

Noon.—Ocean leaves for Port Darwin, &c.
6.30 p.m.—Pouan leaves for Macao.
8 p.m.—Meeting of United Service Lodge. Vicenta leaves for Manila.

MONDAY, March 10:—
2 p.m.—Olympia leaves for Manila.
3 p.m.—Meeting of 8th holders of The Chinese Insurance Co., Limited, at No. 39, Queen's Road.

Transfer Books of The Chinese Insurance Co., Ltd., closed from this date to 24th March, inclusive.

Alden Bee leaves for Portland Oregon; Goods per Glenorchy undelivered after this date subject to rent.

TUESDAY, March 11:—
11 a.m.—Sale of Sundries at Naval Yard.

WEDNESDAY, March 12:—
9 p.m.—Meeting of St. John's Lodge.

SATURDAY, March 15:—
Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

MONDAY, March 17:—
3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

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Hongkong, June 1, 1878.

The publication of this issue commenced at 8.10 p.m.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 1879.

We remarked a few weeks ago upon the fact that the Police were not provided by the law with sufficient powers in dealing with gambling-houses. It was shown that in England certain appearances were considered to be enough to justify the municipal authorities in proceeding against a house used for gambling purposes. It is to be hoped that one of the amendments soon to be made may include this branch of Police supervision.

In England, if a "bank" be kept and a percentage deducted from winnings, in any house, that house is regarded as a gambling-house whether the general public be permitted to play the game or not. A similar provision in the law in Hongkong would bring within its scope a large number of houses which, though at present quite beyond the reach of the Police in any way, are quietly feeding the growing criminal classes of this Colony. In a case recently heard before Mr. May it was shown that these heavy trap-doors and spring-locks which invariably form the outer-works of a gambler's defences played an important part in the non-detection of such lawless characters. The trap-door in this case was of teak-wood, about three inches in thickness, and was fitted with a spring-look so strong that it could not be forced open. In this particular instance there was independent evidence to show that the house so barricaded was a gambling-house; but it ought to be rendered *prima facie* evidence against a suspected house where such doors and locks are used. Speaking of gambling-houses, and their suppression, it would be interesting to know whether or not bribery now plays so important a part in their maintenance as it did in days gone by. We have lately heard whisperings which ominously point to the possibility that the angels have not yet joined the Police Force, and that Chinese who pretend to be gambling detectives are frequently paid for doing very little—winking at passing events.

If we were asked what one thing gives the Chinese dealer the greatest advantage over the foreign merchant, the answer would be the harmonious combination of the native guilds against all comers. In this so-called free port of Hongkong the powerful influence which can be wielded by those associations—which are of every kind and are found in almost every business—has not infrequently been felt by even the most wealthy amongst the foreign firms. And it is to be feared that the existence of this advantage on the part of the "wary Celestial" is likely to continue so long as the foreign merchant remains "entirely in the hands of his native servants."

If, therefore, the establishment of a general exchange and commercial sales-room now proposed be calculated in any measure to strengthen the feeble hands of the foreigner in this regard, the attainment of such a result would be a very strong argument for the initiation and completion of such a scheme. If, as the proposer of the exchange suggested, those engaged in commercial pursuits could thus be induced to "meet on some common platform," the darkness of which Mr. Hassell so feelingly complained might then be dissipated. It is at the same time somewhat doubtful whether this "common platform" spoken of by Mr. MacEwen and this "exchange of views on business" referred to by the Chairman of the Chamber would really prove so highly efficacious as could be wished. The members of the Chamber did not exhibit any intense delight upon the subject being laid before them for ventilation, and it must be admitted that Mr. Keswick most adroitly passed over the responsibility of organising the movement upon the young and active members who had expressed themselves in favour of its inauguration. It is perfectly clear that, given the disposition on the part of foreign merchants to place more confidence in each other, the new exchange would have a very healthy influence; it would greatly facilitate commercial transactions, and might even change the method of doing business in the place. But there is, we are afraid, too much jealousy and distrust amongst European and American houses here to admit of the experiment getting a fair trial. The mystery which seems to enshroud commercial transactions in Hongkong, though per-

haps highly necessary and proper, would in all likelihood shun the light of a recognised exchange; and this legitimate endeavour "to find out what their neighbours were doing," if entered upon with other than the greatest mutual frankness, would be sure to prove anything but a success. As a cheap and labour-saving institution, however, there is apparently but one opinion of the proposed exchange; and even if the higher uses to which we have hinted were not served by it for the first year or two, there can be no possible harm in giving merchants the opportunity of coming together more frequently in business than they do at present.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

We are informed by the agents (Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.) that the S. S. Gleniffer left Singapore for this port on Wednesday, the 5th instant.

astonished that we should take notice of such a trifling circumstance, and on our recommending caution, he said, "No fear, make me," or which in good round English meant "Poh! poh! nonsense, what do I care?" We had our doubts, however, as to the first part of his remarks, and as our house is a not a mile from the bamboo-bender's shop, we shall look up our Polioy to see how we will stand in the event of another "accidental" flare-up.

We hear that a telegram has been received from Shanghai, stating that the Superintendent of Customs [Hoppe] of Canton will continue in office for another term of one year. He took up his post at Canton on the 18th of May 1876, and has thus been re-appointed for the third time. At p. 40 of *Mayer's Chinese Government* we find the following paragraph explanatory of the office:—"Hsi Kwan Kien-Teh 海關監督—Superintendent of Customs. Of various ranks. At Canton, a special officer, appointed from the Imperial Household, bears the designation *Yieh Hsi Kwan Pu* 粵海關部, or Superintendent of Customs for the province of Kwangtung. Is commonly designated by Europeans as the 'Hoppe'—a term the derivation of which is unknown. At Foochow, the Manchu General-in-chief fills a similar position. At the Custom House of Hwai-ngan, a special appointment is likewise made—the three functionaries in question being regarded as special purveyors for the Court. Elsewhere, the office is usually filled by a Tao-tai, in addition to his territorial duties. In such case he receives the designation *Kwan Tao 關道*. Within recent years, a special 'Customs' Tao-tai' has been established at Tientsin, without territorial jurisdiction."

The International Tug-of-war, which was to have formed part of last Saturday's sports, took place this evening on the Cricket Ground, resulting in a splendid victory for the Scotch team. A great deal of interest was displayed in this trial of strength, and a large number of people assembled to witness the struggle. The first "tug" was between the English and Scotch, the latter making short work of the job, the English never once having a ghost of a chance. The next tug was between the Germans and Irish; either side sending forth ten splendid fellows. A hard struggle ensued, and the result was for some moments difficult to decide. The Germans at first showed signs of wavering, but once settled to their work not an inch did they budge, and poor Pat had to succumb. After a short rest the two victorious teams came forward to have a final pull for the Championship. A very good match ensued, but whether owing to the "perfidy" of their younger days, or the toady of a later period, or both, the Scots set their heels dogmatically into the turf, and inch by inch drew their German rivals over the fatal line, amidst the cheers of the multitude. Mr Legge received the prize from the hands of Mrs Hennessy, who complimented the victors, and with three cheers for Mrs Hennessy and the Ladies of Hongkong, the meeting dispersed.

The following gentlemen comprised the teams:—
Scotch:—Messrs Legge, Lindsay, Henderson, Dougal, Bremner, Laverity, Davidson, Boyd, and Grant.
German:—Messrs Georg, Schmidt, Rapp, Bieher, Buermann, Lemke, Lemke, Stein, Nott, and von Heyde.
Irish:—Messrs J. O. Travers, Murphy, Harman, Hynes, Nelson, Corcoran, Bennett, Purdon, Patterson, and A. K. Travers.
English:—Messrs Ocker, Squire, Shaw, Broadly, Kerr, Woodhouse, Taylor, Ginger, Westoby, and Young.

His Excellency Major-General Donovan inspected the 74th Highlanders this forenoon previous to their embarking for Singapore. The Regiment was inspected in Companies, the General walking along the ranks. He expressed himself thoroughly well pleased at the appearance of the men. This afternoon the General held a Brigade inspection. It is a long time since an opportunity has occurred to hold a Brigade parade, and it therefore attracted a very large number of spectators, both native and foreign. A Police Notification was issued yesterday by the Captain Superintendent of Police announcing that the Queen's Road from the City Hall to Murray Barracks would be closed to traffic during the parade, and this notification acted as an advertisement to acquaint the Chinese that something unusual was to take place. Consequently between 2 and 3 o'clock large numbers of coolies flocked to the spot. The men fell in on the Parade Ground about 3 o'clock, and comprised the royal Artillery, 27th and 74th Regiments; both Bands were on the ground. His Excellency Major-General Donovan, accompanied by his Aide-de-camp, arrived about 3 past 3 and was received by a general salute. The General rode round the ranks, and then, having taken up a position at one side of the ground, both Regiments, headed by the Artillery, marched past in companies. The whole formed a pleasing spectacle; the white jackets and tartan trews of the 74th threw the somewhat sombre red coats and black trousers of the Inniskillings into the shade, and gave the highlanders a more imposing appearance. We certainly think also that the marching of the Highlanders was somewhat better than that of the new-comers, but both regiments acquitted themselves admirably. There is little doubt but what all put their best foot foremost on the occasion. There is nothing like honest rivalry. The Artillery having left the ground, the Regiments were put through various evolutions, marching in four in

squares, &c., &c. The Parade occupied about an hour and a half.

From our telegraphic summary it will be seen that General Grant and family arrived in Bombay in the P. & O. steamer *Penang* on the 13th instant. The General proposes, it is said, to stay a month in India, and will then be conveyed in the U.S.A. man-of-war *Richmond* to China and Japan, on his way home by San Francisco. We trust the authorities here will accord him on his arrival the reception due to his fame and rank as a soldier and ex-President and very probably future President of the Great Republic.—*Straits Times*.

The Am. bk. *James S. Stone* has towed to the outer anchorage and will sail for Manila to-morrow morning (22nd) at daylight.

The Brit. bk. *Lord of the Isles* will sail on the 2nd for Amoy direct with a cargo of wheat and \$16,000 Treasury despatched by Chinese.

The Am. ship *Golden Rule* will sail for Hongkong on the 25th.

The *Hattie E. Tapley* reports the Brit. bk. *Vimrod* as loading coals in Nagasaki for Yokohama.

The American ship *Haze*, Captain Evans, whose presence has graced our harbour for so many months, will sail for Kobe to-morrow (27th) there to load for Hongkong.

The British bark *New Brunswick*, Captain Fraser, will sail for Kobe on the 27th there to load rice for Europe.

The American bark *Ceylon*, Captain Kelly, will sail for Nagasaki on the 28th, there to load coals for Yokohama.

The British brigantine *Orinoco*, is chartered to load wheat in Kobe for Amoy, and will sail on or about Monday, the 3rd inst.—*Japan-Gazette*.

The *London & China Express* of Jan. 24th, says:—

In reference to the various rumours as to the removal of Governor Hennessy from Hongkong, we understand that nothing definite has yet been decided upon by the Colonial Office, but that he will not go to Singapore.

The Marquis Teeng has prolonged his stay in Paris. Kwo-ta-jen will leave by the Messageries mail of Feb. 7. Chung now was received in State by the Emperor of Russia on the 21st. The Diplomatic and Consular Staff in the Far East is published.

The troopship *Time* will take out new crews for the *Lily*, *Mooren*, *Mogito*, and *Sheldrake*, which are to be paid off at Hongkong and recommissioned for a further term of service. The gunboat *Dunbar* is to be recommissioned for the East India station.

The medal of the Humane Society has been awarded to Sub-Lieut. Boyes of the *Modeste*.

News has been received at the Colonial Office of the deaths of Captain Patterson and Mr. J. O. Sergeant, who had been sent by Sir Bartle Frere on a mission to the King of the Matsabete tribe.

H. M. 57th Regiment was to embark from Colombo for Natal in the Troopship *Tamar* on the 18th instant. The regiment has been relieved in Ceylon by the 102nd. At a special parade ordered for the whole of the regiment by Lieutenant-Colonel O. M. Clarke, on the 12th instant, he addressed the "Old Die Hards" as follows:—

"Brother officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the 57th Regiment, I wish to say a few words to you, concerning the news which has already been conveyed to you, the honour of being one of the regiments reformed for active service at the Cape. I strongly hope that on your embarkation, disembarkation at Natal, and in the field, you will acquit yourselves with that steadiness and good bearing that I know well you possess. As the 57th Regiment will be one of the first, if not the first, to arrive at the scene of action, and to go immediately to the front, there to undergo labours which will be both arduous and severe, I confidently trust that by strict obedience to all orders on every occasion, on the conclusion of the war we shall with pride add more honours to the laurel 'Wreath' we already possess."

This address was received by the men with enthusiastic cheers. The Colombo community entertained the Officers of the Regiment at dinner in the club on the 17th instant. H. E. the Governor occupied the chair, supported by the Colonial Secretary. The only guests besides the gallant officers to embark for the seat of war, were Major General Wilby and his Aide-de-camp, Colonel Warren, R. E., and Colonel Smith, R. A.

Either there has been some mistake about Lord Gifford's appointment as Colonial Secretary in Mauritius or he has thrown it up, for we learn from the *Ceylon Times* that he has lost not a moment in taking steps to join the service corps of his regiment, H. M. 57th, now on its way by the *Tamar* from Ceylon to the Cape. A telegram has been received from him in Ceylon, stating that he should leave England with the Depot draft of the 57th about to be despatched to join the regiment at Natal. It is stated that the reinforcements to the Cape from England will fall little short of 12,000.

The following extract from the correspondence of the *Port Elizabeth Telegraph* throws some light on the recent disaster to H. M. 24th Regiment and the movement of the British forces prior to that catastrophe:—

Durban, Jan. 13, 1879.—Yesterday morning the British troops crossed the frontier at the Lower Tugela into Zululand territory in the following order: 1st. The first column of the Buffs under Colonel Pearson and then the Victoria Rifles as the senior mounted corps, which at once took up patrol and outpost duty. The crossing continued all day. Up to noon there was no sign of interruption or appearance of the enemy. On Sunday a shell was fired into a party of armed Zulus, and did some little injury. The troops are encamped around Pearce's house, about half-a-mile over the new drift. The point acts very well and boats ply freely.

There is another force, which is now numbered among our advancing columns, and that is Colonel Durnford's at Fort Buckingham—midway between Helmsburg and Fort Pearson. It is, however, almost entirely composed of native contingents, with two rocket tubes, under Lieut. Russell, R. A.; numbering some 8,000 blacks, with 200 white officers, and, perhaps, the weakest column of the four for though Colonel Wood's is least in point of numbers, he has 1,800 white troops, and is to be reinforced by 1,000 natives, besides the Boers corps. Exclusive of the Zulul Volunteers, of the Swazi service, and of the recent arrivals at Durban and elsewhere, we have a total of about 22,000

troops in the field, or say, 5,750 whites and 7,300 blacks; viz. No. 1 Column, whites, 1,050, blacks 2,000; No. 2 Column, whites, 200, blacks, 3,000; No. 3 Column, whites, 2,100, blacks, 2,000; No. 4 Column, whites, 1,800. Each of these columns has a base of operations and a depot, viz.: Lower Tugela Force, base of operations, Durban, depot, Stanger; Durnford's force, base, Maritzburg, depot, Griquatown; Helmsburg, base, Maritzburg, depot, Ladysmith; and Colonel Wood's column, stationed on the Blood River, has its base of operations at Utrecht, with a depot at Durban. The greatest care and forethought are apparent in all the arrangements made by Lord Chelmsford and carried out by his staff.

The passengers by the French steamer *Amazone* are as follow:—

For Hongkong.—From Marseilles: Mr. Germain, Mr. V. Lopez, Mr. K. de Rivera, Mr. R. Marten, Miss O'Neill.
For Shanghai.—From Marseilles: Mr. Burmeister, Mrs. and Miss French, Monsieur Delaplace, Fathia Grandidier, Fapoi, Mayer, and Salette, sisters Louise, Gabrielle, Julie, Sophie, and Therese. From Galle, Mr. Noetzi.
For Yokohama.—From Marseilles, Mrs. Kirkwood and M. Joustain. From Naples, M. Bellerue.

Police Intelligence.

(Before the Hon. C. May.)
March 6, 1879.

DRUNKENNESS.
William Steel, a seaman, was charged with being drunk and incapable in Ladder Street. He was a destitute and was living at the goal. He appeared to be ill-whit in Court. His Worship fined him 25 cents or three days' imprisonment.

A POLITE KNAVE.
Chun Ah-chai, a hawker, was charged with stealing an axe.

Lam Pak Cheong, the owner of the axe, stated:—I am a dealer in auction goods, and occupy a shop under the Polak Theatre. At 5.30 p.m. yesterday I had been out, and was close to my shop on my return, when I saw the defendant go into the shop, and after looking around he picked up an axe and was going out of the door-way, when I stopped him and asked him what he was doing there; he replied: "Excuse me, I will not do it again." Witness said his father had charge of the shop but had left it for a moment. Defendant said in defence that he did go into the shop, but did not intend to steal the axe. He accidentally knocked it down. He was sent to goal for one month with hard labour.

NEWS BY THE FRENCH MAIL.

THE DISASTER AT THE CAPE.
London, Feb. 24.—The Secretary of State for War has been authorized to express to Lord Chelmsford, Commander-in-Chief of the forces at the Cape, the sympathy and confidence of Her Majesty the Queen.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 28.—The Governor General of Turkestan, Charkoff, has been shot at by an assassin and severely wounded.

(From Indian Papers.)
London, Feb. 8.—England and Portugal have jointly agreed to check the slave traffic between Mozambique and Madagascar.

London, Feb. 7.—The Marquis of Hartington, speaking at Liverpool, declared the verdict of the country upon the foreign policy of the Government would be the principal question at the next general election.

Am, Feb. 7.—General Grant, the former president of the United States, and family, are passengers by the *Yeu*, which left for Bombay on the 5th instant.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 8.—A report announces that Bart has defeated the Chinese and occupied Kashgar.

The Russian Ambassador and Turkish Minister for Foreign Affairs have signed the definitive treaty of peace this evening. Evacuation commences on the 9th instant and terminates on March 16th. Podgoriza has been formally given up to Montenegro.

London, Feb. 9.—A convention has been concluded whereby England purchases the crown domains in Cyprus.

London, Feb. 10.—The report issued by the Admiralty on the bursting of the gun on board the *Thunderer*, whilst at gun practice at Ismail, on January 2nd, states that the gun had been loaded, but missed fire. It was then reloaded, the original charge not having been withdrawn, so that the next discharge both charges were fired, the result being the bursting of the gun. Convol 962.

London, Feb. 11.—News has been just arrived from the Cape that a British force consisting of five companies of the 24th Regiment, six hundred natives, and one battery of artillery, was overwhelmed by a force of twenty thousand Zulus and almost completely annihilated. The British loss was five hundred men killed, two Major, four Captains, twelve Lieutenants, and the Quarter-master of the 24th; two Captains of Artillery, one Colonel and four Lieutenants of the Engineers; also twenty-one British officers in command of the native levies. The Zulus lost five thousand men. The colours of the 24th Regiment and a large convoy of ammunition fell into the hands of the enemy. Sir Bartle Frere has demanded strong reinforcements. Natal is in great danger, and consternation prevails throughout the Colony.

London, Feb. 11.—The 1st Dragoon Guards, the 17th Lancers, the 57th [now in Ceylon], 58th, 91st and 94th regiments, battalions of the 21st and 60th, and two batteries of Artillery and thirty of King's shers, have been ordered to leave at once for the Cape.

London, Feb. 12.—The killed and missing of the first battalion of the 24th Regiment are: Major Pulteney; Paymaster White; Captains Degecher, Wardell, Mostyn, Youngshusband; Lieutenants Jackson, Cayate, Atkinson, Daly, Ansley, Dyton, Coghill, Fortescue, Melville; Adjutant and Quartermaster Pallen; 2nd Battalion: Lieutenants Pope, Austen, Dyer, Griffith, Shepherd; Quartermaster Bromfield; Artillery: Captains Stuart, Smith, and Russell; Engineers: Colonel Durnford; and Captain Macdonald.

London, Feb. 12.—At an electoral banquet yesterday the First Lord of the Admiralty alluded to the disaster at the Cape, which he deeply deplored. He said reinforcements sufficient to terminate the struggle would leave within a week, and that the Government had every confidence in Lord Chelmsford. Convol 962, a full of

Aden, Feb. 12.—The *Daphne* has arrived towing the *Fortiger*, which was wrecked upon Ras-naleh near Guardafui.

Aden, Feb. 12.—The *Khiva* with the outward English mails of the 30th, left at seven this evening for Bombay. The *Kaiser-i-Hind* left for Galle and Calcutta at nine this morning.

Berlin, Feb. 12.—Parliament has been opened by the Emperor in person. In his speech His Majesty said he declared [?] decided] to revert to protectionist principles. He promised to devote the great power of United Germany to promote and a neighborly peace between all the other powers.

Bombay, Feb. 12.—To-day a special telegram to the *Bombay Gazette* states that a defeat of the British troops at Natal has occurred. A portion of the third column left the guard camp ten miles beyond Kerk's drift, on the Tugela river, and Lord Chelmsford's despatch says that the troops were cut off from the camp as the action occurred a mile and a quarter away, the remainder of the column being twelve miles distant. (Our loss is 600.)

London, Feb. 13.—On the re-assembling of Parliament to-day, the Premier made a statement to the effect that the Cabinet had decided to wipe out the recent disaster in Zululand, but deprecated discussion until the further publication of papers. The Cabinet anticipates the strict execution of the Treaty of Berlin. The Afghan expedition has virtually achieved its object, and satisfactory arrangements are now possible for the protection of the frontier, while preserving the independence of Afghanistan. He hoped the improving weather would tend to mitigate the existing distress.

Bombay, Feb. 13.—General Grant arrived by the mail steamer this morning. An American deputation went on board to welcome him. A guard of honor, formed by the Volunteers, received him on landing. The General will stay a month in India.

London, Feb. 13.—Add the following to this morning's telegram: Lord Beaconsfield said that we now hold the three chief high-ways of Afghanistan and hope to retain them.

In the House of Commons the Chancellor of the Exchequer made a statement similar to that made in the Lords by the Premier. He also said, in reply to a question, that the Indian Government had asked the British Government to lend £2,000,000 for a term of years without interest. The obituary includes General Peel. Convol 962.

Calcutta, Feb. 14.—To-day the Government of India telegraphed home offering to send a contingent of troops from India for service at the Cape if required.

Marsa Matruh, Feb. 7.—Her Excellency the Lady Lytton was delivered of a son this morning at 9 o'clock. Her Ladyship and the infant are both doing well.

London, Feb. 15.—The Under Secretary of State for India, in reply to a question, said that Government had received no information about the speech made by General Roberts at the Kurram Durbar.

In the House of Lords the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, Lord President of the Council, said in reply to a question, that Government was sending a physician to Astrakhan.

Major Generals E. H. Crendall, E. Newdigate and Frederick Marshall, have been ordered to the Cape. Convol 962.

THE AFGHAN CAMPAIGN.
Calcutta, Feb. 8.—The native contingent is expected to reach Khat on the ninth or tenth. The Commander-in-Chief leaves Calcutta on the 14th for Lahore. Heavy snow has fallen at Jellalabad, and there has been continuous rain at Kandahar. With reference to a statement of the *Times* of India correspondent regarding the troops being recalled from Khelat-i-Ghizal, the fact is that it is not likely that there will be any occasion for any further operations in the Khelat-i-Ghizal direction, after General Stewart has secured the flank on that side. General Biddulph has entered Ghizik. The people who have been sorely oppressed, gave him a cordial welcome, the women and children turning out to hail their English deliverers. A pontoon raft over the Helmand has been prepared for the baggage and ammunition. The position of the British force is very formidable, commanding the right bank approaches of the ford. The position of Ghizik locally considered is of great importance. About half of General Biddulph's force is stationed at Arghandab for the present. General Palliser commands the advanced part of the force, and Colonel Leay the rear column. There is sickness among the 32nd Pioneers; otherwise the troops are well. The climate is mild and enjoyable. The *Civil and Military Gazette* says that Wally Mohamed, the Ameer's half brother, has left General Roberts' camp for Jellalabad to confer with Major Cavagnari at the wish of the Government of India, as negotiations are already going on with Yakob through the political officer at Jellalabad. Wally Mohamed states that Yakob will be bound by oath to carry out his father's instructions not to treat with the English. Wally's great influence in Afghanistan and over the Ghilzais may produce important results. General Roberts left Hissar P'ir on the fourth, with head quarters for Ibrahimai. Sir Neville Chamberlain is expected to arrive at Madras shortly.

Hissar P'ir, Feb. 4.—General Roberts leaves for Koorum this morning. Wally Mohamed, with Captain Conolly, starts today en route for Jellalabad, from which place all political negotiations are conducted now.

The Commissioner of Derajat telegraphs that the Mahandis are reported to have had a Jirga at Karagaram, but separated without deciding upon any further course, pending instructions from Kabul.

Some arrests in Sistan against the Persians are apparently occurring.

Calcutta, Feb. 12.—There is news from Peshawar that a native declares he was present during the fighting at Jish. The Afridis lost one hundred and forty killed, Malikislah Murat Kati and his son, Abdullah Nur, are among the prisoners.

Lahore, Feb. 14.—According to telegram to the *Civil Military Gazette*, Wally Mohamed reaches Jellalabad on the 16th instant, and it is believed will accompany Major Cavagnari to Kabul. Wally will be placed on the throne at Kabul if Yakob refuses to accept the peace negotiations.

Bombay, Feb. 10.—The rains have set in heavily at Handak. General Stewart is reported to have lost 700 camels during the last fortnight. Colonel Moore reports that the Ameer is proceeding to Herat. About 20 Afghani fanatics, armed with tulwars, daggers and bayonets, ran amuck between the lines of the Artillery and 93rd Regiments, killing one man and wounding six. Five of the miscreants were cut down, and four others made prisoners, pending an investigation.

Singapore.

(Times.)
A telegram has been received here stating that the American bark *Eastborne*, Captain Nason, which left this port in the beginning of October last, bound for Boston, has been wrecked off the American coast.

A judgment delivered in January last by Mr Justice Wood of Penang in regard to the property of Mahomedan married women has evoked some criticism as being contrary to the views of all prior Judges here, as also to the decision of a Court of Appeal, consisting of our present Chief Justice and Mr Justice Philipps, in 1876.

One Chinaman, who pled guilty, has been executed in Penang for the murder of Captain Lloyd, Superintendent of the Dindings. Great disappointment has been felt at the result of the investigation of this brutal crime. The fact is that the English mode of administering justice in dealing with the state of affairs at the Dindings and such places is ludicrously unsuitable. It is altogether unsuitable. Something like martial law would alone suit the circumstances. As it is, the trial of the Penang prisoners was somewhat of a fiasco, and only too much calculated to bring English law into contempt in the eyes of the desperadoes who haunt our coasts from this to Penang.

Nothing can make clearer the absurdity of introducing into these primitive regions all the complicated forms of English law, which are felt to be often even too cumbersome at home, than the fact that there is too much reason to believe that the man who was hanged was comparatively innocent; while more guilty criminals, in dock beside him, were allowed to escape. At all events he insisted upon that to the foot of the gallows, while acknowledging the justice of his own sentence.

As a sign of the growth of the place we may notice the formation of a Debating Society on the 14th instant under the presidency of Mr J. D. Vaughan and with a list of 40 members. Meetings are to be held twice a month.

There is little or no news from the Peninsula, and it is to be presumed that all is quiet. It is said, and it is greatly to be regretted, that Mr Handyside, the enthusiastic Pioneer Planter from Ceylon in Penang, is meeting with difficulties and much discouragement in the matter of native labour. Mr W. Davidson, a distinguished Naturalist, has arrived from India for the purpose of exploring thoroughly the whole Peninsula from Quedah to Johore. Miss Bird, a distinguished authoress, is also reported in the Native States taking notes for the benefit of the Aborigines Protection Society.

The S. S. *Voortuarts*, sunk in collision with the P. & O. steamer *Khedive*, has been thoroughly repaired in New Harbour Dock, and her trial trip takes place on Monday next.

H. M. gunboat *Frolic* left port for a cruise on Monday last, and the *Modeste* and *Ketrel* next day on a visit to Klang, Perak and the Dindings.

The British schooner *Flower of Yarrow*, was sold on the 20th by Messrs. Powell & Co. for \$4,600. This vessel was built as a yacht for the Duke of Buccleuch, and came out here as a pearl fisher.

As an instance of the extraordinary value of sites in certain parts of the town, it may be noticed that some 700 square feet of ground in Market Street were sold on 20th at auction by Messrs. Powell & Co. at \$10 per square foot.

Padang, Jan. 23.—The danger of scarcity of rice begins to be gradually more imminent. On the whole W. Coast of Sumatra, Bencoolen, and the Lampong with the exception of the Padang Highlands, the predicted scarcity of rice has set in. At most places the prices of rice have risen at one bound from 8 to 12 and from 10 to 15 or 16 guilders per picul. In Bencoolen especially which is almost wholly dependent upon importation, the distress is very great. An urgent telegram from the Resident to the Governor states that a picul of that kind of rice usually supplied to convicts cost not less than seventeen guilders. Here also the consequences of such an unfavourable state of things have not failed to appear. The ordinary price of rice, which was 6 guilders per picul, rose the day before yesterday to 14 guilders! This may be the result of the operations of speculators, but at all events it is significant of an important fact—an imminent great danger. If extraordinary measures be not taken we fear that the existing scarcity of rice which prevails throughout the whole of Netherlands India may become famine.—*Bat. Dayblad*, Feb. 5.

Australian Items.
From our Australian files to hand by the *Menmuir* (Captain Darke) we select the following heads of intelligence:—

Sydney, Dec. 31.—Fresh and hopeful negotiations are now going on for the settlement of the seamen's strike.

Sir Henry Parkes, is answer to a deputation, said that he was in favour of only allowing one Chinese to every ten Europeans in any one business or occupation. Sydney beat Melbourne in the University cricket match.

Jan. 2.—The European promises to support the International Exhibition to be held in Sydney next year are considered very satisfactory.

It is expected that the dispute between the A.N. Company and the strikers will be settled. It has narrowed down to the number of Chinese that the Company shall employ on their vessels. Mr Lochhead, of Newcastle, is conducting the negotiations.

January 8d.—A cricket match is being played in Sydney between the Australians and Lord Harris's eleven. In their first innings the English eleven made 113, of which Lord Harris contributed 55. The Australians have three wickets down for 58 runs.

The revenue of New South Wales for the year ended 31st December, 1878, amounts to seventy-six thousand pounds beyond the Treasurer's estimate. The receipts account of revenue proper is \$4,951,000, leaving a balance to the credit of the consolidated revenue of \$3,572,783.

January 4th.—The seamen's strike is ended. All the men are to return to the Company's service, and as far as practicable they are to receive the wages due to them when the strike commenced. The Company are to have only one hundred and eighty Chinese in their employ, to be reduced to one hundred and thirty within three months.

January 8th.—The total receipts of the Seamen's Union during the strike amounted to three thousand pounds, and the disbursements two thousand one hundred

pounds, thus leaving nine hundred pounds to the credit of the Institution.

The Bull, Mount Kerla, and Mount Pleasant Coal Companies have looked out miners to the number of one thousand, in consequence of their supporting the seamen's strike by refusing to supply the A.S.N. Co. with coal.

Jan. 10.—The Bull Coal Company have given notice that they will employ no men who are connected with any Union, either directly or indirectly.

Jan. 17.—The New South Wales police have surrounded what was believed to have been the Kelly gang, but to their chagrin found they were mistaken.

The Seamen's Union at Sydney has invited Mr Lochhead to a supper, in recognition of the services rendered by him in the settlement of the strike.

The ceremony of opening the Exhibition has been definitely fixed to take place in the first week in September.

Jan. 21.—Capitalists and merchants are forming a protection association against labour unions.

Jan. 25.—A Bill to restrict Chinese immigration very similar to the Queensland measure, has been introduced into the Legislative Assembly.

The Bull coal miner's lockout is expected to be amicably settled.

The local Sydney team are favourites against Lord Harris' English Eleven.

Jan. 31.—The Bull Coal coal mine lock-out has been amicably settled.

A clause has been inserted in the Chinese Restriction Bill making it imperative upon Captains of vessels to pay \$10 on each Chinese landed in the Colony. Failing this the Captain will be liable to a penalty of \$20 and forfeiture of vessel.

The A. S. N. Company states that, owing to the recent strike and depression of trade, the Company has sustained a loss of \$6,000 for the half year.

Feb. 4.—It is rumoured that Weld, the Governor of Tasmania, has succeeded Sir Hercules Robinson.

In a cricket match, Eighteen of Bathurst v. the English Eleven, the former made 47 in their first innings and the latter 229.

The Seamen's Union has presented Mr Lochhead with an address and address last night for his services in connection with the settlement of the strike. The officers of the Union also received testimonials. A delegate of the Union shortly goes to Brisbane to finally settle matters re strikers.

Adelaide, Dec. 31.—A South Australian Eighteen beat the Australian Eleven at Adelaide.

Brisbane, Jan. 7.—News from Sydney state that nearly all the strikers have been re-engaged, but not so here yet.

Jan. 11.—Burens, Ranniger, and Co. have stopped payment.

Jan. 15.—Berens, of Berens, Ranniger, and Co. has drowned himself. His body was found yesterday.

Jan. 14.—Parliament assembled and members were sworn in to-day. There were forty-six members of the Assembly present.

The Kelly gang were seen on Friday at Lake Cudgell. Seeing that they were discovered they fled towards the Darling, closely pursued by the police.

January 15th.—His Excellency the Governor opened Parliament at noon, in a lengthy speech. The Chinese question has forced itself on public attention by the action of the A.S.N. Company in sending to China for crews for vessels trading in these waters. The strike was happily ended, but there was a necessity for recourse to further precautionary measures, and a Bill would therefore be submitted. The necessary notice had been given to the A.S.N. Company to terminate the present mail contract. The rate

Mails.

NOTICE.

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MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
POINT DE GALLE,
ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT
SAID, NAPLES, AND
MARSEILLES;
Also,
PONDICHERRY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA
AND ALL INDIAN PORTS.

ON SATURDAY, the 8th March, 1879,
at Noon, the Company's S. S.
474, Commandant RAPATEL, with
MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIES, and
CARGO, will leave this Port for the
above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-
cepted in transit through Marseilles for
the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until
Noon.
Cargo will be received on board until
4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m.,
on the 7th March, 1879. (Parcels are
not to be sent on board; they must be left
at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re-
quired.

For further particulars, apply at the
Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, February 25, 1879. m28



STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE
GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA,
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TERRANEAN PORTS, SOUTH-
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Also,
BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND
AUSTRALIA.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship
GEELONG, Captain C. FRASER, will leave
this on SATURDAY, the 15th March, at
Noon.

For further Particulars, apply to

A. McIVER, Superintendent.

Hongkong, March 1, 1879. m15

Occidental & Oriental Steam-
Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND
PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED
STATES AND EUROPE,

IN CONNECTION WITH THE
CENTRAL
and
UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING
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AND
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THE S. S. BELGIO will be despatched
for San Francisco via Yokohama,
on MONDAY, the 17th day of March, 1879,
at 8 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for
Japan, the United States and Europe.
Connection is made at Yokohama, with
Steamers from Shanghai.

Freights will be received on Board until
4 p.m. of the 16th March. PARCEL
PACKAGES will be received at the Office
until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages
should be marked to address in full; value
of same is required.

A Reduction is made on RETURN PAS-
SAGE TICKETS.
For further information as to Freight
or Passage, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, February 26, 1879. m17

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China Mail Office,
Hongkong, January 31, 1879.

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Apply to

GILMAN & Co.

Hongkong, March 4, 1879.

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for OFFICES and DWELLING, also
for a STORE, Queen's Road Central.
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Hongkong, February 4, 1879.

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Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

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DOWNS, Nos. 54 and 60,
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Hongkong, January 2, 1879.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of
Mr F. GROBLIN in our Firm
CEASES To-day.

SANDER & Co.

Hongkong, March 1, 1879.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of
Mr WALTER SCOTT FITZ, in our
Firm in Hongkong and China, CEASES on
the 31st December last.

Mr CHARLES VINOENT SMITH is
admitted a Partner from this Date.

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1879. jyl

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of
the Undersigned in the Chinese Mail,
華字日報 (Wah Tze Yat Po),
CEASES from the 1st August, 1877, but
Debita prior to that Date will be received
and paid by him.

CHUN AYIN,

Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

NOTICE.

IN Reference to the above, the Under-
signed has LEASED the Chinese Mail
from the 1st August, 1877, and has engaged
the services of Mr LEONG YOOK CHUN,
as Translator and General Manager of the
newspaper, which under its new régime
will be found to be, as hitherto, an ex-
cellent medium for advertising, especially
as the Manager is able to devote his whole
attention to the conduct of the Newspaper.

KONG OHIM,

Lessee of the Hongkong Chinese Mail.

Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

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CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED.)

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Marine Risks to all parts of the World.
In accordance with the Company's Articles
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whether Shareholders or not, in proportion
to the net amount of Premiums contributed
by each, the remaining third being carried
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J. BRADLEE SMITH,

General Agent.

Hongkong, December 9, 1878.

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Discount of 20% on the Premium.

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Hongkong, January 1, 1879.

Insurances.

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JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,

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Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

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Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

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COMPANY OF
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Hongkong, October 15, 1868.

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Hongkong, February 10, 1879.

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Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

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Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Excludes of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at
Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked A., near the Kowloon shore K., and those in the body of the
Shipping or midway between each shore are marked C., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.
3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.
4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.

Section.
5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.
8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Anchor- age.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers								
Adria	2h	Stewart	Brit.	789	Mar.	5 P. & O. S. N. Co.	Hothow	K'loon Dock
Albany	1h	F. Ashton	Brit.	366	Jan.	18 Douglas Lapraik & Co.	South Sea Island	put back
Alce	1h	Dreves	Brit.	814	Mar.	28 Siemens & Co.	Shanghai	Ab'deen Dock
Amoy	7h	Petersen	Ger.	783	Mar.	4 Meyer & Co.	Hothow & Halphong	at daylight
Atalanta	3h	Thompson	Brit.	922	Feb.	24 Hop Koo	Sapore and Penang	To-morrow
Atholl	2h	Rapaton	Brit.	2015	Mar.	4 Messageries Maritimes	Marseilles, &c.	Mails, 8th
Ava	3h	Meyer	Brit.	2652	Feb.	26 O. & S. S. Co.	Y'ama & S. F'dco	17th, 3 p.m.
Belgio	1h	Meyer	Brit.	749	Feb.	12 Kwok Acheong	Yokohama	Mails
Bombay	1h	Alderton	Brit.	1036	Feb.	27 P. & O. S. N. Co.	Hothow & Halphong	To-morrow
China	1h	Scott	Brit.	317	Feb.	20 K-shun Hong	Bangkok	
Conquest	1h	Thompson	Brit.	654	Mar.	4 Yuen Fat Hong	Shanghai	
Dale	2h	Thompson	Brit.	1240	Mar.	6 Butterfield & Swire		
Diomed	2h	Stapani	Brit.	117	8 K. & W'pos Dock Co.		
Fame	2h	Wilson	Chl.	735	Mar.	60 M. S. N. Co.	Shanghai	Tug Plying
Hwai Yuen	4h	O'Neill	Brit.	1060	Feb.	26 Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Port Darwin	
Killarney	2h	Wilson	Chl.	2000	Mar.	6 Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Australian Ports	
Memmur	2h	Westoby	Brit.	862	Mar.	1 Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Coast Ports	at daylight
Namoa	3h	Westoby	Brit.	608	June	28 Kwok Acheong		
Norna	3h	Edmondson	Brit.	971	Feb.	1 Geo. R. Stevens & Co.	Australian Ports	8th inst.
Ocean	2h	Edmondson	Brit.	783	Mar.	3 Remedios & Co.	Manila	10th inst.
Olympia	2h	Nagel	Ger.	48	July	18 W. H. Ray	Yokohama	Mails
Sea Gull	2h	Marcelle	Feb.	1738	Mar.	9 Messageries Maritimes		
Thales	2h	Lamont	Brit.	820	Jan.	9 Douglas Lapraik & Co.	K'loon Dock	
Zephyr	1h	Heuer	Brit.	Russell & Co.		
Sailing Vessels								
Alden Bass	4h	Noyes	Amer.	850	Dec.	17 Rozario & Co.	Portland (Oregon)	10th inst.
Beethoven	4h	Haje	Ger.	840	Jan.	25 Melchers & Co.		
Black Hawk	4h	Hoyland	Amer.	1128	Jan.	18 Vogel & Co.	San Francisco	
Black Watch	4h	Kennah	Brit.	491	Dec.	6 Arnold, Karberg & Co.	Obanell I.	
Catherine Marden	4h	Mardon	Brit.	287	Feb.	22 Captain		
Charmor	4h	Lucas	Amer.	1333	Jan.	8 Russell & Co.		
Christina	3h	Cayra	Nic.S.m.so.	173	Dec.	2 J. J. dos Remedios & Co.		
Coeran	4h	Hall	Amer.	188	July	18 W. H. Ray	Portland (Oregon)	
Coloma	4h	Hall	Amer.	853	Nov.	15 Russell & Co.		
Craigie Lea	4h	Winter	Brit.	622	Mar.	1 Butterfield & Swire	Salgon	
Doux Freres	4h	Chassens	Feb.	357	Feb.	8 Landstein & Co.		
Elizabeth Childs	4h	Lindbergh	Ger.	891	Mar.	3 Weller & Co.	Tientsin	
Eve	4h	Merceron	Feb.	327	Mar.	8 Meyer & Co.	Salgon	Sands' Slip